Status of REGP Scheme

2912. SHRIMATI LAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) alongwith the details of the number of applications received, the number of applications accepted by the banks, the number of beneficiaries who were sanctioned loans, the number of beneficiaries getting disbursement and the number of persons getting subsidies, State-wise, for the years 2003-04,2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) whether it is a fact that the proportions of the number actually receiving loans are very small in comparison to the number of those who applied for; and

(c) whether any suitable mechanism will be adopted to speed up sanctions and disbursements?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) The Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) is a credit-linked subsidy programme of the Government implemented through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for assisting entrepreneurs in setting up of village industry (VI) units. Under this programme, loans are provided to the applicants by the banks and subsidy by the Government (through the KVIC). On receipt of proposals from applicants, banks take independent decision on sanctioning loan, after appraising the technical and economic feasibility of each project proposal. As such, information on the number of applications received directly by the banks are not maintained by the KVIC. The State-wise details of the REGP units set up during 2003-04,2004-05 and 2005-06, the beneficiaries, of which received bank credit in combination with subsidy from; the Government, are given in the Statement (See below).

(b) While information on the number of applications received by the banks is not maintained by the KVIC, the general assessment is that about 20 to 25 per cent of the project proposals received are not approved after approval by banks.

(c) The steps taken by the KVIC to speed up the process of sanction and disbursement include prescribing time limits for disposal of applications at all stages, introduction of computerized system to keep track of the movement of applications upto the stage of disbursement by banks, placing

the margin money subsidy in advance with the nodal banks in the State captial/Divisional office on quarterly basis, etc.

Statement

State-wise details of village indusry units set up under the REGP during 2003-04,2004-05 *and* 2005-06

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	Number of units set up		
		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06*
1.	Chandigarh	8	8	3
2.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	2	0	0
3.	Delhi	7	9	13
4.	Haryana	923	1140	1058
5.	Himachal Pradesh	414	469	635
6.	Jammu and Kashmir	775	922	1402
7.	Punjab	882	864	440
8.	Rajasthan	2496	1537	2086
9.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	58	6	598
10.	Bihar	88	254	692
11.	Jharkhand	323	240	217
12.	Orissa	1031	991	580
13.	West Bengal	3348	2584	2037
14.	Arunachal Pradesh	32	43	76
15.	Assam	1223	1658	2229
16.	Manipur	36	102	65
17.	Meghalaya	210	146	206
18.	Mizoram	33	162	365
19.	Nagaland	61	151	316
20.	Tripura	244	233	306
21.	Sikkim	113	139	106
22.	Andhra Pradesh	1097	1988	2276
23.	Karnataka	1422	934	1314
24.	Kerala	2046	914	1273
25.	Lakshadweep	9	0	26
26.	Pondicherry	47	7	36
27.	Tamil Nadu	1568	925	982
28.	Goa	126	138	133
29.	Gujarat	290	376	516
30.	Maharashtra	857	1773	1749
31.	Chhattisgarh	697	656	502
32.	Madhya Pradesh	1041	1361	767
33.	Uttaranchal	1106	513	469
34.	Uttar Pradesh	2134	2210	1241
	TOTAL:	24747	23453	24714